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Claims:

1. A pacifier strap clip (1) with two clamping parts (2) pivotable relative to each other and having co-operating clamping regions (3), opposing inner-side surfaces (6) of the clamping regions (3) resting against each other in a closed clamping position of the pacifier strap clip (1), and the surface (6) of at least one clamping region (3) at least partially consisting of a material having a lower hardness than the material of the clamping parts (2), characterized in that the pacifier strap clip (1) is a two-component injection molded member, and in that the clamping parts (2) are formed by the legs of a U-section (8), the apex (8') of which is provided as a pivot axis, or pivoting region, respectively, for the clamping parts (2), the clamping regions (3) of the pacifier strap clip (1) being spaced apart in their relaxed open position.
2. A clip according to claim 1, characterized in that merely one clamping region (3) at least partially comprises a surface (6) of the material of lower hardness.

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3. A clip according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that at least one clamping region (3) at least partially is formed by a coating (11) of the material of lower hardness.

4. A clip according to claim 3, characterized in that the inner surface (6) of a clamping part (2) in the clamping region (3) is entirely coated with the material of lower hardness.

5. A clip according to claim 4, characterized in that also a narrow-side rim (12) of the clamping part (2) in the clamping region (3) is at least partially coated with the material of lower hardness.

6. A clip according to any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that on each one of the inner surfaces (6) of the clamping region (3), a tooth profile (7, 7') is provided, the tooth profiles (7, 7') meshing in the clamping position, and at least one tooth profile (7') being made of the material of lower hardness.